

Camping and Parking – Leadville Ranger District

To view the USA Pro Cycling Challenge, August 22 & 23, 2012

Stage 3: Gunnison to Aspen & Stage 4: Aspen to Beaver Creek

(Viewing the Independence Pass and Tennessee Pass portions of the race)

Independence Pass Area

CAMPING: Camping in the Twin Lakes Recreation Area is allowed only in the developed campgrounds listed below. As campgrounds fill, or for those who prefer it, dispersed camping (see section below) is the next option.

- Dexter Point: This area is adjacent to the boat dock on Twin Lakes, on Highway 82. It is an excellent spot if you want to do some boating or fishing when you are not watching the race. There are about 12 campsites situated around the edge of a parking lot – a good place for large RVs. These sites may not be reserved in advance.
- White Star: This campground is on Highway 82, and on Twin Lakes. The race will pass by this campground both days. 66 campsites. Many sites can be reserved.*
- Lake View: This campground is north of Highway 82 and has beautiful views of Twin Lakes. It is a great place to camp, and then ride your bike up Highway 82 to view the race on both days. 45 campsites. Many sites can be reserved*, and this campground also has three group sites.
- Parry Peak & Twin Peaks: These campgrounds are located farther west on Highway 82. They are right on the race course for both Stage 3 & 4. They are a great location for those who wish to ride up toward Independence Pass and watch the racers climb on the first day, and descend on the second. There are 57 campsites between these two campgrounds and none of them may be reserved.

*Campground reservations must be made at least four days in advance: on-line at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

DISPERSED CAMPING: No camping will be allowed from the Brumley townsite to the top of Independence Pass within ¼ mile of Highway 82, from Monday, August 20 to Friday morning, August 24. This includes areas within the CDOT right-of-way. (See Map 1)

- Dispersed camping is allowed on the Leadville Ranger District except for the Twin Lakes and Turquoise Lake Recreation Areas, and the section of Highway 82 as described above. Good areas for dispersed camping are as follows (See attached maps):
 - Graham McNasser Trailhead area
 - Parry Peak Gravel Pit area
 - Willis Gulch Trailhead parking lot

- Dispersed campsites east of Willis Gulch
- Please use existing sites and fire rings
- Pack out all trash
- Dispose properly of all solid human waste – bury at least 6” deep, use toilet, or pack out.

PARKING: Parking is available in many locations along Highway 82. Please use existing pull-offs, trailheads, day use areas (fee may be required), etc. for parking and do not create new impacts. Do not park in developed campgrounds unless you are staying there overnight. **Do not park in the two areas marked in yellow along Highway 82 (see Map 1) or any areas marked with ‘NO PARKING’ signs.**

Tennessee Pass Area (Stage 4 only)

CAMPING: There are no developed campgrounds along Highway 24 going up to Tennessee Pass. The closest campgrounds are in the Turquoise Lake Recreation Area west of Leadville. Reservations may be made at most of these campgrounds by visiting www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777.

DISPERSED CAMPING: There is no dispersed camping available along Highway 24 from West Tennessee Creek/Slide Lake Road (CR 19) turn-off to the top of the pass.

- The best dispersed camping in the area is along the W. Tennessee Creek and Slide Lake Roads. Turn west on County Road 19 and follow it to Forest Service Roads 100, 131 and 145.
- Some dispersed campsites are located just off the road to Ski Cooper.
- Please use existing sites and fire rings
- Pack out all trash
- Dispose properly of all solid human waste – bury at least 6” deep, use toilet, or pack out.

PARKING: There is ample parking available in the Ski Cooper parking lot at the top of the pass. There is limited parking along Highway 24. Please use existing pull-offs and trailheads for parking and do not create new impacts.